REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

Art Rejections

In the Office Action, Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,798,976 B1 (Tsumagari et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,525,746 B1 (Lau et al.). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Tsumagari et al. does not qualify as prior art against the subject application. Tsumagari et al. claims priority to earlier filed U.S. Application No. 09/564,538, which has a filing date of May 4, 2000. Applicant submits herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, establishing conception and reduction to practice of the claimed subject matter at least as early as November 24, 1999, over five months prior to the earliest U.S. filing date of Tsumagari et al. Accordingly, Tsumagari et al. does not qualify as prior art against the subject application.

The Japanese application to which Tsumagari et al. claims foreign priority also does not qualify as prior art against the subjection application. The Japanese priority application has a filing date of May 12, 1999, but was not published until November 24, 2000 (see attached English language abstract and the cover page of the Japanese publication). Thus, the Japanese priority application did not become a printed publication under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) or (b) until its November 24, 2000 publication date, which was

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a full year after Applicant's date of conception and reduction to practice. Accordingly, the Japanese application to which Tsumagari et al. claims priority does not qualify as prior art against the subject application.

Lau et al. was cited for its alleged teaching of "APIs with respect to plug-ins to facilitate book-marking, handling commands and returning event meta data or attributes and/or other functions associated with the navigator programming" (Office Action, page 6, paragraph 2). However, Lau et al. lacks numerous salient features of the independent claim.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1-12 are allowable over the cited documents.

CONCLUSION

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103 rejection, and an early notice of allowance.

If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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(54) DIGITAL IMAGE INFORMATION MEDIUM, DIGITAL IMAGE INFORMATION RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS, AND DIGITAL IMAGE INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To allow an entry point (bookmark) to be inserted at any desired recording position in image data, audio data, or the like, in such a manner as if a bookmark is placed in a book.

SOLUTION: Information RTR-VMG for managing a recorded object includes a movie cell entry point information M-C-EPI. This M-C-EPI includes information EP-PTM regarding entry point reproduction time and text information PRM-TXTI regarding an entry point. Style information and date information for the entry point as well as text information regarding the contents thereof are allowed to be stored into this PRM-TXTI.

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(57)【要約】

【課題】本にしおりを挟むような感覚で、映像・音声等の任意の記録箇所にエントリポイント(ブックマーク)を挿入できるようにする。

【解決手段】記録されたオブジェクトを管理する情報RTR_VMGは、ムービーをルエントリポイント情報M_C_EP!を含む。このM_C_EP!は、エントリポイント再生時間の情報EP_PTMとエントリポイントに関するテキスト情報PRM_TXT!とを含んでいる。このPRM_TXT!に、エントリポイントの形式

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